

an elongated body including a proximal end and a distal end and defining a longitudinal axis, a pair of arms coupled to the distal end of the elongated body; and

B(a single loop electrode coupled to the arms and substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, the electrode comprising a conductive material, a pair of end sections, and a base section, the base section forming a continuous curve and disposed between the end sections and adapted to contact tissue, each of the end sections extending from the base section to one of the arms, a ceramic coating disposed over the entire length of each of the end sections, the base section being free of the ceramic coating.

2. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the electrode comprises an upper surface and a lower surface and the upper surface is smaller than the lower surface.

3. (Amended) The device of claim 2 wherein the lower surface is substantially convex and defines a radius of curvature relative to an axis substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, and the upper surface is substantially concave.

7. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the ceramic coating comprises alumina.

8. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the ceramic coating comprises zirconia.

B2 9. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the ceramic coating comprises alumina and titania.

10. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the ceramic coating has a thickness in the range from about 0.0002 inches to about 0.03 inches.